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## Toys for Tots

This year's Toys for Tots drive, organized by the Naples-area Marines, kicked off at the Support Site Nov. 26 and expects to wrap up Dec. 12. Stop by the NEX to donate a new toy for a good cause. (Photo by Wyndi Duke)



The ball-handling wizard Blenda Rodriguez shows his skills as he spins a basketball on his finger. The Globetrotters are known for their amazing tricks and colorful entertainment.



One lucky fan, Jasmine Garvey, receives an autographed basketball from the Globetrotters' Handles Franklin.

## Globetrotters wow Naples crowd

Story and photos by MC1 (NAO) John Parker  
NSA Naples Deputy PAO

With the Brother Bones' whistled version of "Sweet Georgia Brown" playing loudly, the doors opened and the magic circle began. Each player took a turn spinning the ball or rolling it around his arms, wowing the crowd with every slick move. This could only mean one thing, the world famous Harlem Globetrotters were back in Naples!

Service members and their families were treated to an entertaining show presented by Navy

Entertainment and Armed Forces Entertainment. The "Ambassadors of Goodwill," who have been making basketball fun for audiences for 85 years, wowed a sold-out crowd gathered at the Naples High School gym Nov. 29 with their impressive ball-handling wizardry, basketball artistry and hilarious one-of-a-kind family entertainment. Some lucky kids received mini basketballs, autographs, players' sweaty wristbands, and one lucky child was even given an official jersey.

Naples was the first of 11 stops on the Globetrotters' ninth military holiday tour.



Showing just how easy it is, Rocket Rivers of the Harlem Globetrotters takes a break while still dribbling the ball as he eludes five Washington Generals players.



The magnificent Hammer Harrison, a member of the Harlem Globetrotters, flies through the air and dunks the basketball during the Harlem Globetrotters' visit to Naples Nov. 29.

## Go Navy! Beat Army!

**N** You didn't have to graduate from the Naval Academy or West Point to know one of the most historic collegiate rivalries is about to unfold at Lincoln Financial Field in Philadelphia Dec. 11—Army vs. Navy.

Can't make it to Philadelphia for the game? Not a problem. We have the perfect solution for all you pigskin-addicted, service-devoted fanatics: a Naples area Army/Navy game played on our local high school gridiron.

On Dec. 11, Naples-area sailors, coached by Cmdr. Dennis E. Florence, will take on soldiers, led by Calvin Malone. Come dressed in your favorite Army/Navy apparel for a noon kickoff. This year the Navy is charging all-ahead flank after last year's one point defeat at the hands of the Black Knights, 13-12.

Prizes will be given to the person who guesses the final score and the halftime raffle winners. The Naples High School Boosters Club will provide concessions during the game.

Until then, you can catch a glimpse of the teams preparing for battle during their practice sessions at Carney Park.

At the end of the game, there's one thing we can all agree upon—Beat Air Force!



JFC Naples 2010 Tree Lighting Ceremony  
Friday, 3 December, 3:30 – 4: 30 p.m.  
In front of Bldg O

Enjoy performances by our local schools and holiday favorites performed by the U.S. Naval Forces Europe Band.  
Refreshments available for purchase.

For more information: + 39 081 721 3480.

In case of foul weather, the ceremony will be in the Air Dome near the Montessori School.



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## Naples' weekend forecast



FRIDAY

High 61  
Low 54  
RAIN



SATURDAY

High 64  
Low 50  
PARTLY CLOUDY



SUNDAY

High 57  
Low 43  
PARTLY CLOUDY

## Events around town this weekend

- 4 – Pozzuoli commemorates the UN International Day against Violence on Women beginning at 4 p.m. in Nicola.
- 4-8 – If you missed the Chocolate Festival in Perugia or have a case of chocolate fever that you just can't shake, satisfy your craving at Naples' Showcolate festival in Mostra d'Oltremare (near the Campi

Flegrei metro stop).

- 5 – Tired of all gray? Sant'Agata dei Goti in Benevento province fills with color the first Sunday of every month during its floriculture market. The fragrance is intoxicating!

Check out <http://wikipanoli.com/events> for more information.



## NEX General Manager's Corner

By Tom Goodman

NEX Naples Complex General Manager

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new General Manager for the Navy Exchange Naples Complex. My responsibilities here include the Support Site stores, Capodichino mini-mart and Depot, the JFC mini-mart, the Carney Park mini-mart and the Gaeta mini-mart. My wife Judy and I recently arrived from the Joint Expeditionary Base Little Creek/Fort Story in Virginia Beach, VA. I have truly enjoyed serving the finest sailors in the world with previous Exchanges in Everett, Washington; Mayport, Florida; and Roosevelt Roads, Puerto Rico and Norfolk Virginia. Prior to joining the Navy Exchange, I spent 20 years working for Bon Marché, which became Macy's, in the Pacific Northwest.

In addition to my arrival, the Navy Exchange is proud to welcome two additional members to the management team. Our new Services Manager, Linda Wahlquist is responsible for all of the contract businesses located within the Naples Complex as well as the Residential Services Office. Joseph Liegel is our new Hardlines Divisional Manager. He is responsible for furniture, electronics, and computers. Both of these managers bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our organization.

There are many exciting things going on at your Navy Exchange. We are listening to the customers and working hard to make this a valuable shopping experience for you. A few changes of note include:

- The main retail store is now open at 9 a.m. Monday through Friday.
- The barber shop at Capodichino is now open at 6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday.
- We have reopened the ice cream shop and included fresh fruit options.
- We have six price look-up scanners in the store for customers to use. We are the first overseas Navy Exchange to receive and implement them.
- We are implementing customer service training for all of our associates. "Premier Customer Service" consists of four modules that cover a wide variety of processes that should create a world class customer service experience.
- We are diligently working with Capt. Rabuse and representatives from several NSA departments to bring cable TV to the Support Site and Capodichino.
- We have implemented a "What are We Missing?" campaign to allow customers to communicate what items they would like to see at the Navy Exchange.

Over the course of the last year, many improvements have been made throughout the Naples Complex. Our annual Customer Satisfaction Index (CSI) survey showed an eight-point increase versus our 2009 score. Thank you for completing 400 surveys. We will continue to work on creating a world class shopping experience for the finest customers in the world.

The mission of the Navy Exchange is to "Provide quality goods and services at a savings." This is also my personal goal and the focus of everything I do as the General Manager. I am proud to serve those that serve our country. If you have any questions and/or suggestions, please e-mail us at NEXNAPLES-GEN1@NEXWEB.ORG.

*Enjoy your time in Naples, and have a safe holiday shopping season!*



## Base Notes

From Panorama staff reports

### DoDDS flu vaccine extended

The DoDDS mandated flu vaccination deadline has been extended to Jan. 3, 2011. Students must receive the vaccination or have a waiver.

Contact the Preventive Medicine Office at 081-811-6301/6299 for more information.

### Christmas Cantata Dec. 5

NSA Chapel is proud to announce the 11th annual Christmas Concert on Sunday, Dec. 5 at 4:30 p.m. at the Support Site Chapel. The concert will be performed by the Italian choir "Il Coro Polifonico di Sant'Ambrogio sul Garigliano." For more information, contact the NSA Chaplain's Office at 081-568-3539.

### JFC Naples 2010 Tree Lighting Ceremony today

The JFC Naples 2010 Tree Lighting Ceremony will take place Friday, Dec. 3 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in front of Bldg O. Come out and enjoy performances by our local schools as well as some holiday favorites performed by the U.S. Naval Forces Europe Band. Refreshments available for purchase. In the case of foul weather, the event will be held in the Air Dome near the Montessori School. For more information, call 081-721-3480.

### MWR holiday events

The 2010 NSA Holiday Social will be held Dec. 10 in the Capo Ciao Hall from 2 to 4 p.m.

The NSA Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held at the Support Site Dec. 10 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. on the main street next to the big Christmas tree. The 2010 Holiday Greeting Card Contest winners will be announced during the ceremony.

### Construction on Capo west parking garage, temp. bus schedule change

Construction on the roof of the west (front gate) parking garage will begin Dec. 6 and will run for approximately nine months. During this time, there will be no parking available on the roof and long term parking will be in the basement level (BL2) of the garage.

In order to alleviate the impacts to the parking on base, two additional bus runs will be added from

Support Site to Capo in the morning and two additional bus runs will be added from Capo to Support Site in the evening. These additional runs are temporary, but will remain in effect until the work is complete. Copies of the new bus schedule are posted at all bus stop locations and are available from the TLA, Capo Inn, libraries, USO, ITT, FFSC, military air terminal, housing offices and BEQ and PW Building 407. Schedules will not be electronically disseminated due to FP concerns. Questions can be e-mailed to shuttlebusnaples@eu.navy.mil.

### Teen Use of Social Media class at FFSC

Join FFSC for this informative parenting class focused on teen use of social media. This class will be held Dec. 7 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will cover many different forms of social media and how they can be used, as well as how parents can talk with teens about online boundaries and rules regarding social media.

### Continuous School Improvement (CSI) program

On Friday Dec. 10, the Naples High School will release students early at 11 a.m., to coincide with the early release announced for the elementary school. This early release is intended to provide parents with students in both schools better options to resolve potential child care issues and to provide teachers time to continue working on the school's Continuous School Improvement (CSI) program.

In support of CSI, parents are invited to attend the afternoon session at the high school. The faculty will be concluding the review of data and focusing their efforts on finalizing one of the SMART Goals that guide how students are taught. SMART Goals (Specific, Measurable, Attainable, Realistic and Time bound) are developed based on measured needs identified from school data to improve student learning.

### USO's Christmas Wonderland Dec. 17

Join the USO for an afternoon with the family to enjoy the magic of the North Pole. Come by the Support Site Community Center Friday, Dec. 17, from 5 to 7 p.m. There will be pictures with Santa, stockings for the little ones, holiday crafts, games, Christmas carols, refreshments and much more.

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## FYI POSSIBLE STRIKES

**Dec. 4** - Trenitalia personnel will strike from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Dec. 9/10** - Trenitalia personnel will strike (24 hours) from 9 p.m. Dec. 9 to 9 p.m. Dec. 10.

**Dec. 10** - Local public transportation workers will strike 24 hours.

**Dec. 17** - Alitalia pilots and flight attendants will strike for 24 hours.

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# Italian News Briefs

Compiled by Teresa Merola

## More walls collapse at Pompeii

This week, three walls collapsed at rain-soaked Pompeii. Two walls fell Wednesday, including a three-meter thick section of a dividing wall and an upper section of an entrance to a service area closed to the public collapsed. This was the second and third collapses in two days and the fourth in less than a month. Excavation director Antonio Varone said the collapses were the result of "torrential, incredible and incessant" rain. A part of a wall belonging to the House of the Moralist in the archaeological site of Pompeii collapsed Tuesday. The building is close to the 2,000-year-old House of the Gladiators, which collapsed Nov. 6. The wall was in the building's garden, and it is not clear if the wall stood since ancient Roman times or had been reconstructed when Pompeii was excavated. The House of the Moralist is on Pompeii's main street and derives its name from three rules of etiquette inscribed on black panels in the triclinium or dining room: "Keep your feet clean and don't dirty the linen"; "Have respect for other men's wives"; and "Don't argue, or you can go home." The triclinium is one of the house's better preserved rooms.

## Italian regions agree to take Naples' trash

Several regions in Italy agreed to take 600 tons of trash daily from Naples for the next three months. About 400 soldiers started to clean thousands of tons of trash, which is still uncollected in the cities of the province of Naples. Urban hygiene councilor Paolo Giacomelli said the Liguria regions' new high-tech trucks would replace a local firm and speed things up over the next three months. He said there are approximately 2,400 tons of garbage in the city's streets, and they are picking up 100-150 tons a day now.

## Serie A players strike

Italian football Serie A players will strike Dec. 11-12, following a breakdown in negotiations between the League and the players' union. The sides didn't reach an agreement Tuesday. The main area of disagreement is that players don't feel protected when clubs try to force them into a transfer when they enter the final year of their contracts.

## Italy sees decline in bank robberies

Bank robberies in Italy fell 14 percent during the first half of the year compared with the first six months of 2009, according to a report by the Italian Association of Banks (ABI).

Italian banks were robbed of €18 million during

the 758 bank heists committed during the first half of 2010, according to the ABI report, representing an 11 percent decline from 2009. The average robbery yielded €24 thousand euros, making it one of the leanest years for bank robbers in the last decade, ABI said. One out of 15 banks in Italy was held up last year making it the heist capital of the 27-member EU, according to another report published earlier this year. That report said 42 percent of the EU's robberies last year took place in Italy.

## Italy to introduce language test for immigrants

Immigrants living in Italy must pass a language test before applying for a residency permit starting Dec. 9. The residence-permit system will ease the integration of young non-Europeans. The comprehension test comprised of short texts and expressions will be required within 60 days of applying for residency, and applicants will need to answer 80 percent of questions correctly. If they fail, they will be allowed to try again. People with recognized certificates of Italian language skills, university researchers and people with top management jobs are exempt from this decree. An immigrant gets a first permit only after signing a commitment to a charter of good citizenship and integration.

## Making a splash in Rome's Trevi Fountain

Two Mexican women were fined by municipal police in Rome last weekend as they took off their shoes and entered into the cold water of the Trevi Fountain in a late night dip. Their friends cheered them on and took pictures. Police ordered them out of the fountain, but they only managed to say "Fellini!" The women paid €160 on the spot and no damage was reported to the fountain. The other popular sites for dips are in Piazza Navona's Four Rivers Fountain and the museum housing the ancient Ara Pacis monument.

## Giant truffle auction

A Tuscan white truffle weighing more than 900 grams will be sold to the highest bidder at an international charity auction, which takes place in Rome Saturday. In Italy, restaurants offer pasta and other dishes containing the delicacy of the truffle at high prices during the autumn season. The most famous truffles are from Alba in the northern Piedmont region. The proceedings of the auction will go to the Italian charity Operation Smile, which provides surgery for children.

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## DECEMBER FFSC EVENTS

Call FFSC at 081-811-6372 to reserve your spot for events and classes.

- 6 SHOWCOLATE (8 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Departs from JFC.) Head to Naples' own chocolate festival.
- 6, 13 BECOMING A LOVE & LOGIC PARENT (11 a.m.-1 p.m.) An introduction to parenting with "Love and Logic."
- 7 TRANSPORTATION FROM S. SITE BUS, AVERSA STATION & METRO ST. (9:45 a.m.-1 p.m.) Learn about public transportation from Support Site to Aversa. Visit the train and metro stations.
- 7 PARENTING TEENS AND SOCIAL MEDIA (11 a.m.-1 p.m.) This parenting class teaches parents about the social media being utilized by today's teenagers.
- 8 SPONSORSHIP TRAINING (9-11:30 a.m.) To be a sponsor is a duty; to be a great one is to make a difference!
- 9 GRICIGNANO MARKET (8:30-10:30 a.m.) Visit Gricignano Market, which is within walking distance of the S. Site. Purchase very fresh and inexpensive fruits and vegetables plus clothes, shoes, household goods.
- 9 TIPS TO A SUCCESSFUL INTERVIEW (9:30-11:30 a.m.) Learn how to prepare for and participate in job interviews.
- 9 RETIREMENT PLAN W/TSP (1-3 p.m.) The TSP provides all service members with the opportunity to get an immediate tax break while saving for their family's future.
- 9 OMBUDSMAN ASSEMBLY (6-8 p.m.)
- 13 OLIVE OIL TASTING & ORGANIC PRODUCTS (9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Car pool) Learn about and taste extravirgin olive oil and some organic products.
- 13 CREDIT/DEBT MANAGEMENT (1-3 p.m.) This single-session workshop provides valuable information on establishing a credit history, choosing and using credit cards and consumer installment loans, your debt-to-income ratio and your credit report, and much more.

## DECEMBER

through 12 2010 TOYS FOR TOTS A toy box is located at the Support Site inside the NEX entrance.

through 17 REGISTER FOR UMUC HOLIDAY-MINI TERM UMUC is offering IFSM 201, Intro to Computer Based Systems and ITAL 334, Italian Life and Culture. Contact UMUC at 081-568-6673.

7,9 SAT TEST administered at 7:45 a.m. The test will last until 2 p.m. Pick up a copy of the free SAT practice test booklet in the Navy College Office. Sign up now. FMI, call or visit the Navy College Office in Admin II or call 081-568-6681.

8, 15 EXCELSIOR COLLEGE TESTS administered by the National Test Center Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Make an appointment at the University of Maryland University College office by calling 081-568-6673/6675. The Navy College Office can e-mail students a list of available Excelsior College Tests (nco.naples@eu.navy.mil).

9, 16, 30 - WEB TUITION ASSISTANCE BRIEFING - Capo, Admin II, G-041, 9 a.m. Dec. 2 & 16 and 1:30 p.m. Dec. 9 & 30. Required for all sailors prior to using WEB Tuition Assistance. Questions about WEB TA? Call or visit the Navy College Office at 081-568-6684/6678/6681.

10, 14, 17, 21- CLEP/DSST TESTS are given on Tuesdays and Fridays in the National Test Center at Capo, Admin II. Make an appointment at the University of Maryland University College office by calling 081-568-6673/6675.

16 MONTHLY BABY BASICS CLASS (9 a.m.-12 p.m.) offered by the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society visiting nurses. The course is in the NMCRS office at Capo, Admin II, Room G 016. Topics include newborn care (i.e. bundling, diapering and bathing); feeding; crying and comforting; health and safety; etc. Contact NMCRS at 081-568-3913 for registration.

17 USO CHRISTMAS WONDERLAND BRING your family to enjoy the magic of the North Pole. Come by the Community Center from 5-7 p.m. for photos with Santa, stockings for the little ones, holiday crafts, games, Christmas carols, refreshments and much more.

## JANUARY

17-20 - START NEW TERM III ON-SITE COLLEGE CLASSES. Visit the on-site college offices for more information.

21-23 CREDO MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND Invest in your marriage! Couples will experience a safe and relaxed environment to fall in love all over again. Rediscover the foundations of your relationship, develop new skills and learn from other couples. If this weekend sounds interesting to you, please call the CREDO Office at 081-568-5255 or visit us at Capo, Admin II, G-056.

28 ACT TEST Make your appointment with the Navy College Office now. Pick up a free ACT practice test in the Navy College Office. Call or visit the NCO 081-568-6681.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THE ALLIED SPOUSES CLUB (ASC) IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS.

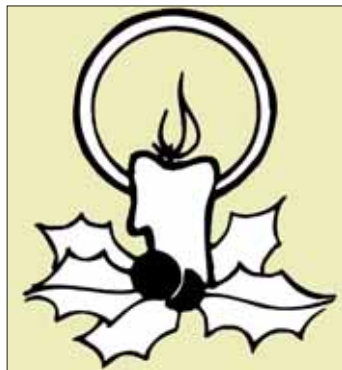
For more information on ASC, e-mail el\_karniati@hotmail.com or visit http://www.alliedspousesclub.50webs.com/.

NAVY LEAGUE OF THE U.S./NAPLES COUNCIL is seeking board members. Those interested, contact Betty Reese at 081-526-8051 or breese@cybernet.it.

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## NSA Naples Command Religious Program's 2010 Holiday Schedule

NSA Naples Religious Ministries Department invites you to celebrate this festive season with any, or all, of the services and special Christmas programs listed below. May God bless you and your family abundantly throughout this Holy Season!



### Catholic

- **Dec. 8**  
Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass  
12 p.m. - Capo Chapel  
5:30 p.m. - Support Site Chapel
- **Dec. 24**  
Christmas Eve Mass  
5 p.m. - Support Site Chapel  
9 p.m. - Support Site Chapel
- **Dec. 25**  
Christmas Day Mass  
8:30 a.m. - Capo Chapel  
11 a.m. - Support Site Chapel
- **Dec. 26**  
8:30 a.m. - Capo Chapel  
11 a.m. - Support Site Chapel
- **Jan. 1**  
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Solemnity Mass  
5 p.m. - Support Site Chapel

### Protestant

- **Dec. 24**  
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
6 p.m. - Capo Chapel  
7 p.m. - Support Site Chapel
- **Dec. 31**  
Hallelujah Full Gospel Watchnight Service  
10 p.m. - Support Site Chapel

### Eastern Orthodox

- **Dec. 25**  
Nativity Divine Liturgy  
9 a.m. - Support Site Blessed Sacrament Chapel
- **Dec. 26**  
Synaxis of the Holy Theotokos  
8 a.m. - Support Site Blessed Sacrament Chapel

### Special Events

- **Dec. 5**  
Christmas Cantata  
4:30 p.m. - Support Site Chapel
- **Dec. 12**  
Children's Christmas Musical  
Antipasti and dessert to follow!  
6 p.m. - Support Site Chapel

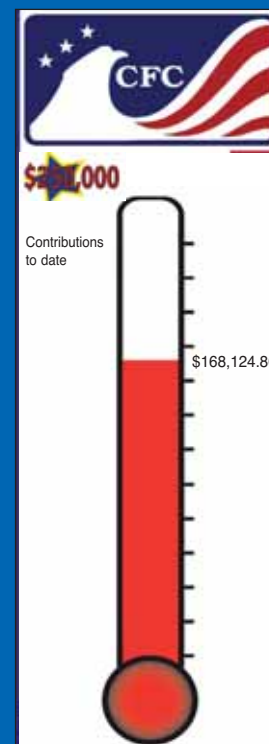
*For those not celebrating Christmas, please call the NSA Chapel at 081-568-3539 for information on additional worship opportunities.*

## CFC-O deadline extended!

The deadline to make your donation to the Combined Federal Campaign-Overseas (CFC-O) has been extended through the month of December.

Your donation can impact change. Whether you contribute to one of 2,300 organizations listed in the CFC catalogue or to the local Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples community, you can improve someone's life. Money raised through the CFC-O will serve the needy, comfort the ill, search for cures, protect the environment and reach out to help in countless other ways. Or if you believe charity begins at home, support Family Support and Youth Programs (FSYP). Donations to FSYP are returned to NSA Naples to support quality of life programs, such as emergency assistance, deployment reintegration and recreational programs, for our service members and our families.

Anyone can contribute by seeing their local CFC-O command representative or through an e-giving online option available at [www.cfcoverseas.org/donate](http://www.cfcoverseas.org/donate).



**NSA Naples Community  
Combined Federal  
Campaign-Overseas**

## Obtaining your Sojourner Permit

Italian law requires all foreign personnel working or living within Italy, other than an active duty member under military orders, to obtain a Sojourner Permit within eight days of arrival in Italy. This is different from a visa, which is merely an approval for entry into the country.

All applicants over 14 years of age must apply in person, as each person's signature is required at the time of application.

NATIONALS OF ANY STATE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY COMING TO ITALY DO NOT REQUIRE ANY VISA OR SOJOURNER PERMIT.

As part of the Area Orientation process, the U.S. Region Legal Service Office (RLSO EURAFSWA) assists in the preparation and oversees the acquisition of the Sojourner Permit for all personnel attached to U.S. Navy commands in the Naples area. Army and Air Force personnel stationed at JFC must apply through the Carabinieri at the JFC Provost Marshall's Office, Building L.

Contact Connie Henderson, RLSC EURAFSWA liaison advisor, at 081-568-4639 for more information.



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### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED *continued*

**NAPLES AMERICAN RED CROSS (ARC) NEEDS VOLUNTEER INSTRUCTORS.** The Fundamentals of Instructor Training (F.I.T.) is a prerequisite course to the Instructor Training course. FMI or to sign up, contact the office at 081-568-4788.

**TEEN BABYSITTERS CAN EARN MONEY.** All American Red Cross certified babysitters interested in babysitting can post a business card at the Fleet and Family Support Center. FMI, contact FFSC at 081-811-6551/6552/6555.

**NAPLES OFFICIALS ASSOCIATION NEEDS REFEREES.** Anyone interested should contact Nigel Alexander at 081-721-5413 or 346-680-3282 or by e-mail to nalexander@afsouth.nato.int.

**NAPLES FRIENDS OF ANIMALS** is currently seeking volunteers for board member positions, fundraiser events, and to foster animals and transport them to and from the off-base vet. FMI, visit <http://www.naplesfriendsofanimals.org> or e-mail [nfoa.publicaffairs@gmail.com](mailto:nfoa.publicaffairs@gmail.com). They also need a volunteer to update, maintain and occasionally redesign the NFOA website.

**NAVY-MARINE CORPS RELIEF SOCIETY OPERATION CLIP & SAVE (coupons):** 081-568-3913.

**NAPLES OVERSEAS SPOUSES CLUB (NOSC).** Volunteer opportunities with mileage and child care reimbursement. NOSC needs volunteers to work at their Forgotten Treasures Thrift Store. FMI, e-mail [nosctshop@gmail.com](mailto:nosctshop@gmail.com) or call 081-811-4200.

### ONGOING/ON THE HORIZON

**CUB SCOUT PACK 007** Want to camp in Nettuno, hike in Cuma, go bowling or participate in swimming and archery? Then Cub Scouts is the place for you! Boys in first through fifth grade meet three times per month to learn skills that they apply on hiking, camping and service outings. FMI, contact [naplescubmaster@gmail.com](mailto:naplescubmaster@gmail.com) or visit [www.cubscoutingnaples.org](http://www.cubscoutingnaples.org).

**THE CONNECT THE TOTS CLUB**, a support and social group created for overseas families with small children (infancy through "preschoolerhood"), hosts weekly walks and play dates, monthly lunches and coffee talks, as well as a regular open house and other activities located on the Support Site, at Carney Park and out in town. For more information and to become a member, visit [www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club/](http://www.meetup.com/Connect-the-Tots-Club/).

**GAETA GIRLS** Interested in Girl Scouts? A multi-age troop meets in Gaeta for the 2010-2011 year. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, e-mail [naplesgs@yahoo.com](mailto:naplesgs@yahoo.com).

**NAPLES CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOL ASSOCIATION** meets regularly to support families on their homeschooling journey. FMI, contact Shannon Tyler at [thetylers5@gmail.com](mailto:thetylers5@gmail.com).

**BOY SCOUT TROOP 007** holds troop meetings every Monday from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Support Site Community Center. FMI, contact Troopmaster Brian Gearhart at 349-424-2787 or [PBBM1984@yahoo.com](mailto:PBBM1984@yahoo.com).

**HARRY S. TRUMAN LODGE** No. 649 meets every Friday at 7:30 p.m. FMI, contact Carlos Mina at 340-657-8820 or [Carlos.mina@med.navy.mil](mailto:Carlos.mina@med.navy.mil). Visit <http://www.hst649.org>.

**THE FFSC CAPO OFFICE**, located on the first floor of Admin II, is open Thursdays and Fridays from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. A licensed clinician and an Information & Referral/Intercultural & Relations Specialist is available to service the needs of the Capo community. Please call for further details, questions or to schedule an appointment at 081-568-3761.

**NAPLES OVERSEAS SPOUSES CLUB OFFERS SCHOLARSHIPS** to high school seniors, undergraduate and graduate students. For more information and to apply, visit <http://www.noscitaly.com>.

**NAPLES COMMUNITY GIRL SCOUTS:** To join Girl Scouts or to get more information, e-mail [naplesgs@yahoo.com](mailto:naplesgs@yahoo.com).

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**, San Gennaro council 14853, meets at 7 p.m. the second and fourth Thursday of each month at the Support Site Fleet and Family Support Center. E-mail Jaime Gonzalez at [kofcnaples@gmail.com](mailto:kofcnaples@gmail.com) or visit <http://sites.google.com/site/kofcnaples/home>.

**SECURITY NOTE.** All DoD military or civilian personnel hosting an event must complete a Special Event Force Protection Plan (SEFPP) 45 days in advance, regardless of organization, if held off base and involving 50 or more personnel, or a gathering where distinguished visitors are involved. FMI, contact the AT/FP Division at 081-568-6300, or visit their office in Bldg. 447 behind BEQ II at Capodichino.

**THE WELFARE & RECREATION ASSOCIATION** is available to meet associates every Thursday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at their location on the first floor of Building 450 upstairs from Capo Landing. FMI, visit <http://www.wraitalia.it/>.

**NAPLES AMERICAN RED CROSS** holds orientation from 8:30-10 a.m. the first Wednesday of every month. For more info. call 081-568-4788.

**ATTN MILITARY RETIREES AND SURVIVORS:** Connect to the retired community through membership in the U.S. Military Retiree Association of Southern Italy (USMRA-SI). For info. and an application, visit <http://usmra-si.tripod.com> or call 329-208-7315.

**PROTESTANT WOMEN OF THE CHAPEL (PWOC)** holds Bible Study every Tuesday at 9 a.m. (child care provided) or 6 p.m. (no child care) at the Support Site Fellowship Hall. FMI, contact Tammy Owens at 081-811-5056.

**PRAYER JOURNAL AND CHAPEL AVAILABLE 24/7** for meditation and prayer requests. Tuesdays 12-1 p.m. "New Beginnings" Bible Study; Wednesdays 11:30 a.m.-12 p.m. Catholic Divine Mass; Thursdays 6 a.m. Men's Spiritual Prayer Group (come before work briefly).

•All services in USNH Hospital Chapel on second floor of the hospital.

## Reel 2 Times cinema

**Friday, December 3**  
4:30 p.m. Secretariat, PG  
6:30 p.m. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, PG-13  
7 p.m. Life As We Know It PG-13  
9 p.m. Due Date, R  
*21 Plus Movie*

**Saturday, December 4**  
Noon Tangled, PG  
2:30 p.m. You Again, PG  
3 p.m. Tangled, PG  
5 p.m. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, PG-13  
6 p.m. Tangled, PG  
8:30 p.m. Devil, PG-13  
9 p.m. Unstoppable, PG-13

**Sunday, December 5**  
Noon Tangled, PG  
2:30 p.m. Legends of the Guardians, PG  
4 p.m. Tangled, PG  
5:30 p.m. Unstoppable, PG-13  
7:30 p.m. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, PG-13  
9 p.m. The Town, R

**Monday, December 6**  
4 p.m. Secretariat, PG  
6 p.m. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, PG-13  
8:15 p.m. Unstoppable, PG-13  
9 p.m. Devil, PG-13

**Tuesday, December 7**  
4:30 p.m. Megamind, PG  
6 p.m. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, PG-13

8:30 p.m. Life As We Know It, PG-13  
9 p.m. Due Date, R

**Wednesday, December 8**  
**FAMILY MATINEE**  
Noon Megamind, PG  
3 p.m. Tangled, PG  
5 p.m. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, PG-13  
6 p.m. Easy A, PG-13  
*Last Showing*  
8:30 p.m. Unstoppable, PG-13  
9 p.m. My Soul to Take, R

**Thursday, December 9**  
Noon Alpha and Omega, PG  
*Last Showing*  
3 p.m. Tangled, PG  
5 p.m. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, PG-13  
6 p.m. Alpha and Omega, PG  
8:30 p.m. Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, PG-13  
9 p.m. Devil, PG-13  
*Last Showing*

**Friday, December 10**  
4 p.m. Legends of the Guardians, PG  
**5:30 p.m. CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY OUTSIDE**  
7:30 p.m. The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause, G  
*Free Admission*  
8:30 p.m. The Tourist, PG-13  
*Premiere Showing*  
9 p.m. Case 39, R, *21 Plus Movie & Premiere Showing*



**Friday, December 3**  
7 p.m.: The Town, R

**Friday, September 3**  
7 p.m.: My Soul to Take, R



*Until Every One Comes Home.*

<http://www.uso.it>  
Capodichino 081-568-5713  
Support Site 081-811-4903

#### USO DAILY TOURS

Dec. 10 Pompeii and Mt. Vesuvius ..... €38  
Dec. 11 Christmas Alley & Veiled Christ. .... €16  
Dec. 11 Ruins of Paestum & mozzarella factory visit ..... €55  
Dec. 12 Holiday shopping in Sorrento with lunch ..... €35

#### WEEKEND TOURS

Dec. 22-26 Christmas in Budapest ..... €557  
Feb. 18-21 Presidents' Day in Amsterdam ... €633  
Feb. 19-21 Carnevale di Viareggio ..... €225  
Mar. 4-7 Carnevale di Venice ..... €226  
April 14-18 French Riviera (Nice, Montecarlo & Cannes) ... €396  
May 27-June 3 Moscow & St. Petersburg ..... €1,605

## Movie descriptions

No Children Under 10  
Admitted to R-Rated Movies

**THE TOURIST**, PG-13 for violence and brief strong language. Drama, Thriller and Remake, 100 min. Cast: Angelina Jolie, Johnny Depp, Paul Bettany, Rufus Sewell, Timothy Dalton. Frank is an American tourist visiting Italy to mend a broken heart. Elise is an extraordinary woman, who deliberately crosses his path. Against the breathtaking backdrop of Venice, Frank pursues a potential romance, but soon finds himself the pursued as he and Elise are caught in a whirlwind of intrigue and danger.

**TANGLED**, PG for brief mild violence. Action/Adventure, Family, Musical, Animation and Adaptation, 100 min. Cast: Mandy Moore, Zachary Levi, Donna Murphy, Brad Garrett, Jeffrey Tambor. When the kingdom's most wanted—and most charming—bandit Flynn Rider hides out in a mysterious tower, he's taken hostage by Rapunzel, a beautiful and feisty tower-bound teen with 70 feet of magical, golden hair. Flynn's curious captor, who's looking for her ticket out of the tower where she's been locked away for years, strikes a deal with the handsome thief and the unlikely duo sets off on an action-packed escapade, complete with a super-cop horse, an over-protective chameleon and a gruff gang of pub thugs.

**CASE 39**, R for violence and terror, including disturbing images. Suspense/Horror and Thriller, 109 min. Cast: Renee Zellweger, Ian McShane, Bradley Cooper, Jodelle Ferland, Adrian Lester. Family services social worker Emily Jenkins thinks she has seen it all until she meets her newest, most mysterious case, troubled 10-year-old Lilith Sullivan. Emily's worst fears are confirmed when the parents try to kill Lilith, their only daughter. Emily saves her and decides to take her in herself until the right foster family comes along.

**SECRETARIAT**, PG for brief mild language. Drama, Biopic and Sports, 90 min. Cast: Diane Lane, John Malkovich, Dylan Walsh, Scott Glenn, Nelson Ellis. The true story of Secretariat, the legendary horse whose record-breaking Triple Crown win has never been equaled, and his owner Penny Chenery Tweedy, a suburban Denver housewife who breaks through the gender barrier

in her single-minded determination to usher her horse to greatness.

**LIFE AS WE KNOW IT**, PG-13 for sexual material, language and some drug content, Comedy, 115 min. Cast: Katherine Heigl, Josh Duhamel, Josh Lucas, Christina Hendricks, Jean Smart. Holly Berenson is an up-and-coming caterer and Eric Messer is a promising network sports director. After a disastrous first date, the only thing they have in common is their dislike for each other and their love for their goddaughter Sophie. But when they suddenly become all Sophie has in the world, Holly and Eric are forced to put their differences aside. Juggling career ambitions and competing social calendars, they'll have to find some common ground while living under one roof.

**UNSTOPPABLE**, PG-13 for sequences of action and peril and some language. Action/Adventure, Drama and Thriller, 141 min. Cast: Denzel Washington, Chris Pine, Rosario Dawson, Kevin Dunn, Joel William. A veteran engineer and a young conductor try frantically to stop a half-mile-long freight train carrying enough combustible liquids and poisonous gas to wipe out a nearby city.

**MY SOUL TO TAKE**, R. Science Fiction/Fantasy, Suspense/Horror and Thriller, Action/Adventure, Science Fiction/Fantasy, Adaptation and Sequel, 107 min. Cast: Max Thieriot, John Magaro, Denzel Whitaker, Zena Grey, Nick Lashaway In the sleepy town of Riverton, legend tells of a serial killer who swore he would return to murder the seven children born the night he died. Now, 16 years later, people are disappearing again. Has the psychopath been reincarnated as one of the seven teens, or did he survive the night he was left for dead? Only one of the kids knows the answer. Adam "Bug" Heller was supposed to die the bloody night his father went insane. Unaware of his dad's terrifying crimes, he has been plagued by nightmares since he was a baby. But if Bug hopes to save his friends from the monster that's returned, he must face an evil that won't rest...until it finishes the job it began the day he was born.



## Daisy Girl Scouts bloom during rededication and investiture

Story by Diane Solley  
Photos by Amanda Hampson

Girl Scout Daisies from Troops 16, 86 and 9 gathered together for a rededication and investiture ceremony in the atrium of U.S. Naval Hospital (USNH) Naples, Nov. 20.

As part of the investiture ceremony, an event that only happens once in a Girl Scout's lifetime, new Daisy Girl Scouts invested their commitment to the Girl Scout Promise. British Girl Guides and Girl Scout Juniors welcomed the new Daisies into the scouting family. The rededication ceremony gave the older Daisy Girl Scouts the opportunity to rededicate themselves to the organization's laws. Each Daisy was pinned with a Daisy pin and will only be able to turn her pin right-side up after she completes a good deed.

A cake decorated with a large daisy was shared by all the Daisies, helpers and family friends.



During the rededication and investiture ceremony at USNH Naples Nov. 20, Girl Scout Daisies and their leaders make the shape of a daisy.



Daisy Girl Scouts are named after the founder of the Girl Scout organization, Juliette "Daisy" Gordon Low.

### Individual Force Protection Plans (IFPP) for travel

In accordance with COMNAVREGEURNOTE 3500, IFPP's are mandatory for all traveling Department of Defense personnel and their adult family members if one of the following criteria is met:

- If the destination country or region has a State Department Public Announcement or Travel Warning in effect.
- A U.S. Mission (Embassy/Consulate) is not present and the State Department or responsible Chief of Mission is not in a position to accord normal consular protection services to the U.S. citizens.
- Travel to any of the following locations; Russia, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia, Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Turkey, Israel, Lebanon, Albania, Kosovo, Serbia and all African nations.
- Travel out of the EUCOM AOR, as required by AOR Commander. (CONUS, Alaska, Hawaii, and U.S. territories are exempt).

*Individual Force Protection Plans are conducted at the Capodichino Anti-Terrorism/Force Protection Office in Bldg 447. To schedule an appointment or for further information, please contact 081-568-2525 or 081-568-5595.*

## 'TIS ALWAYS THE SEASON...

*To lock your doors and set your alarm!*

Submitted by NCIS

You and your family are at home, it is the middle of the night and you have that indescribable feeling that someone is outside. You hear a noise which has just told you someone is inside your home. Thoughts immediately race through your mind: Did I lock the door? Did I turn on my alarm? Is someone really inside the house...what are they going to do?

The holiday season is quickly approaching, and recently NCIS has responded to numerous reported off-base burglaries of occupied dwellings. In each of these cases, the occupants had not set the alarm, and in several cases, had not locked the doors or shutters. The total combined loss to the victims of these crimes is approximately \$60,000.00, making it a very lucrative business for the criminals. In some instances intruders have been so brazen to enter into the bedroom of the sleeping occupants to steal their personal possessions. These intruders are often so quiet, even family pets have not alerted to their presence. These criminals do not discriminate whether you are American or Italian, if they believe there is something of value in your house, you are a potential target. Fortunately, there are no reported instances of violence during these break-ins; they're after your jewelry, camera, laptop and other valuables that are easily sold into the black market. If that's not bad enough, they may steal your car to transport all the stolen items from your house.

Locking the doors, windows and shutters to your residence and setting your alarm EVERY NIGHT drastically reduce the chances a burglar will be successful at breaking into your home. Experience shows that when a home alarm is triggered by an intruder, the intruder

flees. However, your home may not be the only target. Vehicles are attractive to thieves as well because they are easy to break into. Thus, do not leave items of value in plain view inside your vehicle. When shopping at area malls and stores, try to park your vehicle in well lit and high traffic areas. Secure personal and purchased items and maintain awareness of your surroundings while doing so. Be vigilant and make your property a hard target.

It is recommended occupants place house keys in locations where they are not easily found or accessible. Keys left in door and/or shutter locks can be easily manipulated from the outside to facilitate entry into the dwelling. Don't count on your pets to act as your security system. Proper security is accomplished in a layered approach. If you do not know how to activate your alarm or modify the motion sensor, be sure to ask your landlord for instructions.

All renters need to keep a detailed itemized list to include serial numbers and photographs of all their personal property. This is important for investigative purposes and also in the event you have to make an insurance claim. The NSA Naples Housing Office provides home security assessments and can be reached at 081-811-4466.

Help make Naples a better place for all of us. REPORT all attempted and actual break-ins of homes and vehicles to NSA Security: 081-568-5638. If not reported, the problem is only a rumor. Rumors are rarely accurate and can't be adequately addressed.

NCIS is available to provide Crime Awareness briefs. If you wish to schedule a brief for your command, contact Special Agent Robyn Seifart at 081-568-3972 or Seifart@ncis.navy.mil.

## Obama proposes federal pay freeze

By Terri Moon Cronk, American Forces Press Service

President Barack Obama proposed a two-year federal pay freeze to aid in reducing the federal deficit Nov. 29.

The proposed freeze would not affect military pay, and would require congressional action to become law.

"[The freeze] would save \$2 billion over the rest of this fiscal year and \$28 billion in cumulative savings over the next five years," the president said in announcing the proposal.

Obama said federal employees must help bear the burden of economic sacrifices to put the federal budget back on track along with Americans in the private sector, but he acknowledged the pay freeze proposal is a decision that didn't come easily.

"This is not just a line item on a federal register," he said. "These are people's lives. They're doctors and nurses who care for our veterans, scientists who search for better treatments and cures, men and women who care for our national parks and secure our borders and our skies, Americans who see that the Social Security checks get out on time, who make sure that scholarships come through, who devote themselves to our safety."

When Obama took office in January 2009, he immediately froze salaries for senior White House officials. Earlier this year, he also proposed freezing salaries for all political appointees throughout the government, White House officials said.

Obama noted today that he also has proposed a three-year freeze on all nonsecurity discretionary spending, a step he said would bring that spending to its lowest level as a share of the economy in 50 years.



Above: Rear Adm. Bruce Williams of the UK Royal Navy waves the Union flag as a signal to start the 25th annual 10K race up Mt. Vesuvius.

Below: Competitors and supporters gather to cheer at the finishing line, situated at the Mount Vesuvius café stop.

## Race to the top

Story and photos by Petty Officer Richard Hampson, UK Royal Navy

The British community held its 25th annual race up Mount Vesuvius Nov. 21. Over 200 members of the international defense community residing in the Naples area competed in a 10K, 5K or 2K run. All participants received a T-shirt and medal.

Major Graham Pardew of the U.K. Army won the 10K race with a time of 59 minutes, 57 seconds. Children and families were the main competitors in the 2K race.

This year's trophy winners were made up of American, French, Spanish and British Personnel, as well as a contingent of sailors from HMS Northumberland, which is alongside on a port visit.

Afterward, everyone was welcomed at the British Community Centre in Lago Patria, where a traditional British curry was served up.





## Snow-boarding, wrist guards and snow!



Beginner snow-boarders, in particular, will benefit from wearing wrist guards, because they fall the most.

By HN Andrew H. Shute, U.S. Naval Hospital Naples

With the 2010 winter sports season gearing up, remember to wear protective gear on the mountain. In particular, there is one piece of safety equipment you might have overlooked, but is very effective at preventing injuries—wrist guards.

Less than 10% of all snow-boarders wear wrist guards. Many scientific studies show the use of wrist guards will decrease the chance of wrist injuries by 50 percent or more. Additionally, if you are injured while wearing a wrist guard, the severity of the injury will be greatly reduced. Furthermore, many studies sug-



This is an example of a bad wrist guard. When purchasing wrist guards, look for ones that are flexible, long and provide support along the back of the wrist.

gest that beginner snow-boarders have the greatest benefit from wearing wrist guards, because they fall the most.

So you might be thinking to yourself, what type of wrist guards should I buy? Purchase a wrist guard that is flexible, as more rigid wrist guards can cause a fracture. While selecting your wrist guard, make sure you have support along the back side of the wrist. Finally longer wrist guards are better; the farther they extend up the forearm, the more protection they provide.

Ok, now you are ready to hit the slopes. Safety first and happy shredding.



Sailors from NSA Naples pose for a photo before hitting the slopes during a ski trip to Roccaraso ski resort in Abruzzo, Italy. The NOR Center, located in Carney Park, organizes and offers these popular trips during the winter sports season. The first trip is scheduled for Dec. 11.

## MWR winter ski trips to start in December

Story and photo by MC1 (EXW/AW) Terry Vick, Navy Public Affairs Support Element East Detachment Europe

The Navy Outdoor Recreation (NOR) Center, a department of Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples, begins its popular ski trips to the Roccaraso ski resort in the Abruzzo region Dec. 11.

The NOR Center coordinates these trips every weekend through February, with an option to continue into March based on snow conditions.

NSA Naples service members, civilians, contractors and their families can rent their winter sports equipment from the center, whether it's for the NOR Center trips to Roccaraso or their own personal winter trips. Equipment can be reserved up to four days in advance

before an event or trip date, and rental gear will be available until March 31, 2011.

Some options available are

- Adult ski or snowboard package - \$15;
- Children ski or snowboard package, includes helmet - \$10;
- Two types of sleds - \$5 or \$1. (Sleds are not allowed on the slopes, but may be used in areas adjacent to the slopes.)

Bus transportation to the resort in Abruzzo costs \$15 for adults and \$10 for children under the age of 12. Pick up and drop off locations will be at Capodichino, Gricignano and Carney Park.

For more information and additional dates, please call 081-526-1579 or visit MWR's website at <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/Recreation/OutdoorRecreation/index.html>.



Right: Walk through the beautifully lit alleys of stalls to admire handmade ornaments, smell roasted nuts and find holiday spirit at a Christmas market this winter.

## Unwrapping Christmas markets

By Sharon McGourty  
Photos by Jamie Monk  
"Panorama" Editor

After a lovely German fall season, it is time to move into another wonderful and enchanting season—Weihnachten!

This time of year provides all of us living in Europe a real treat—Christmas markets or Christkindlmarkt. You don't have to travel all of the way to Germany to experience the magic of the Christmas market. Be familiar with your local village, because there could be a Christkindlmarkt right around the corner from your house!

If you feel like visiting a cozy local market, wander amongst the stalls of the market in Pinetamare Dec. 4 and 5 and Dec. 8, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, from noon until midnight. Stallholders will have mouth-watering displays of local food and drink plus an assortment of locally manufactured seasonal gift items. Elaborate presepe will be on display and for sale. The GPS coordinates are 40°58'25.90"N, 13°59'11.29"E.

Rome's beautiful Piazza Navona showcases a colorful market each Christmas season with a spectacle of lights and backdrop of some of the city's most ancient sites. Extravagant booths sell everything from poinsettias to torrone and

sweaters to stuffed animals. Be sure to pick up your own La Befana, the old lady who flies on a broom and leaves gifts for children on the Epiphany, Jan. 6.

Or take a long weekend to explore the Christmas markets in countries up north. Not only are there the famous German Christkindlmarks in Munich and Nuremberg, you'll also find some in Prague, Czech Republic, Innsbruck, Austria and Alsace, France. Check out <http://www.christmasmarkets.com/> and click on the country you wish to visit.



A warm glass of Glühwein, hot mulled wine, will keep you warm while shopping at the German Christmas markets.



See the magic of a Christkindlmarkt in Munich's Marienplatz. You'll find everything you need to decorate for the holidays, including an extensive selection of nutcrackers and incense-burning smokers.

## Holiday safety at home

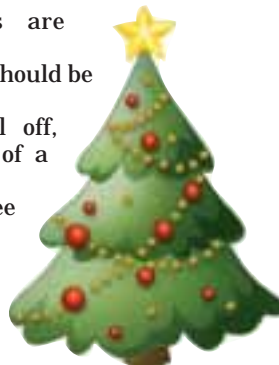
By Hans K Christian, Lead Fire Inspector  
NSA Naples Fire Prevention

Every year we love to decorate our homes and businesses for the holiday season. Unfortunately, the decorations used can increase the chance of fire in these areas. The National Fire Protection Association and the U.S. Fire Administration estimate over 250 home fires are caused by unattended Christmas trees and another 170 home fires involve holiday lights that overload circuits or were not properly installed. Last year, these types of fires caused 21 deaths and over 40 injuries.

As we approach this joyous holiday season, please follow some simple safety tips and rules. Naval Support Activity (NSA) Naples Fire and Emergency Services wants to make sure that each family takes into consideration the proper use of Christmas lights, decorations and that ever-popular Christmas tree.

### Christmas tree safety:

- Make sure needles are green and fresh.
- The trunk of the tree should be sticky with sap.
- If needles easily fall off, this could be a sign of a dry tree.
- Never place your tree near a heat source.
- Do not smoke around the tree.
- Always keep fresh water in the tree stand.
- Never put a tree up too early or leave the tree up for longer than two weeks.



- Always discard the tree properly by taking it to a local drop-off area.
- If using an artificial tree, make sure it's flame retardant and UL listed.

### Holiday lights:

- Inspect all lights for frayed wires before plugging into an outlet.
- Replace lights if they have excessive kinks or damage to sockets.
- Turn all lights off when going to bed and leaving the house.
- Never use extension cords as permanent electrical sources.
- Use surge protectors that are UL listed.
- Check wires periodically to see if they are warm to the touch; if so unplug lights.



### Decorations:

- Use flame retardant and non-flammable decorations.
- Keep decorations clear of heating vents and candle flames.
- Once the holiday season is over, take down decorations in a timely manner.



As we close out 2010 and approach the New Year, NSA Naples Fire and Emergency Services wishes everyone a safe holiday and a Happy New Year.







# So, you've received your orders

By Abigail Pfeiffer  
Drawings from March 3, 1961  
"Panorama"

You get your orders. You're ready to go. But wait—remember how long it took to settle in Naples? To turn on your internet and your electricity? How long do you think it will take to turn them off? Whether you've moved once or twenty times, you'd benefit from Smooth Move, a monthly class offered by Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC), designed to help you avoid pitfalls, stress and extra charges on moving day.

"It's important to come no matter how many times you've moved. This class is Naples-specific information on PCSing," says relocation specialist Autumn Tate, one of the class instructors. "I always hear...I learned something new."

Even if you think you don't need to take the class, which covers everything from what to do with your car and personal property to re-entry culture shock and finding a new job, why pass up a chance for a refresher and a ready-made moving from Naples checklist? Every participant receives a folder of information, phone numbers and important forms from each of the different offices you might deal with in the moving process:

## Personal Property

Be sure to schedule your household goods (HHG) shipment with Personal Property once you have received your hard copy orders. Allow six to eight weeks for your HHG to arrive in the U.S.—even longer if you are moving to the West Coast. For more information, call 081-811-6778.

## PSD

Ensure PSD receives a copy of your orders. You'll receive a transfer package from PSD to be filled out and returned to your CPC (command pass coordinator). Once completed, PSD will submit the passenger reservation request. Call 081-568-5808 for more information about flying with dependents and pets.

## Housing

Housing recommends that wherever you live, don't pull picture nails out of the wall.

*On the economy:* You must begin the check-out process at least 30 days in advance. Contact the Housing Welcome Center (HWC) to schedule the first of three termination appointments. The HWC will help you terminate your lease, turn off all utilities and arrange for loaner furniture during these appointments. Remember that on the day of termination, the house must be empty. You'll have six days

in Temporary Living Assistance (TLA).

Some hints: Although you are required to mail your landlord your Certificate of Repossession at least 15 days prior to your move, be advised that by telling him months in advance, your landlord can show your home to prospective renters. Request a representative from Housing if you anticipate disagreement over any damage to the house.

*On base:* Begin to check out 30 days in advance. After you've moved out of base housing, you will have three days in TLA. Call 081-811-4466 for more information.

## Quality of Life

*On the economy:* Because electricity bills are two months behind, you'll need to take a meter reading in order to pay your current balance at the NEX. To turn off Sky Italia, send a signed letter stating your intention to cancel service directly to the company.

*On base:* Return your DSL modem before the first of the month in which you're leaving to avoid being slapped with another \$58 bill.

## Car

*There are three options when it comes to your car:* sell, ship or scrap. If you're selling, call CMVRO to schedule an appointment as soon as you find a buyer—don't get stuck on the day of your flight with your car because your potential buyer hasn't received a translated license. If you're scrapping your car, schedule an appointment with CMVRO. The car must have all its parts or you will be charged. If you're shipping your car, wait until just before you



drop it off at the port to trade in your clean cover plates for the temporary plastic ones. It is recommended to wait as long as possible to get these plates, so your car doesn't become a target. Additionally, make sure to switch your secondary car with your primary one, if you wish to continue receiving gas coupons. It is extremely difficult to sell your car to a local national. Once it is in the AFI system, it is considered denationalized. Do not abandon your car—you will be responsible for all expenses incurred in its disposal. Call 081-811-6876 for more information.

## Health care

To avoid incurring medical costs at your next duty station, check out of Tricare Overseas by completing the Tricare Overseas Program Prime Change Request Form. However, if you are PCSing before the rest of your family, only include your name on the form. Your family will have to fill out a separate form when they leave. When you arrive at your next duty station, don't forget to enroll in Tricare Prime at your local

Tricare office. Call 081-811-6330 for more information.

## Budgeting

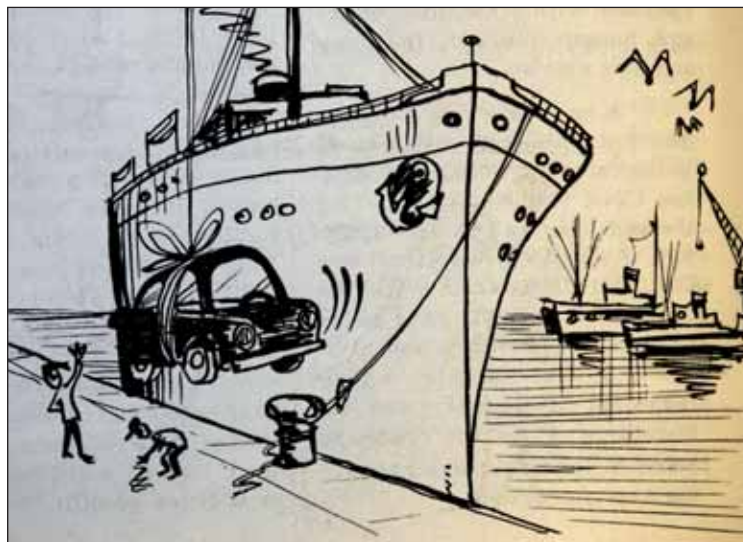
Planning your budget and tracking your finances is an important part of moving. Think about everything that needs to happen once you return, from getting your car insured and registered or renting or buying a home. Create a budget that reflects these projected expenses. There will be many, major expenditures, and they are almost all unavoidable. Check out websites like AmeriForce.net/Finance or SaveAndInvest.org. You can also pick up a Financial Planning Worksheet Checklist from FFSC, or call Personal Finance Management at 081-811-4113.

## Jobs

Having a job lined up or being ready for job hunting can make your transition smoother. Prepare your résumé and polish your interview skills with an employment counselor from FFSC or attend FFSC's 10 Steps to Finding a Federal Job class. FFSC provides information on states where military spouses are eligible for PCS-related job loss benefits.

The most important thing you should remember is to start early. "Starting six months out is right on time for PCSing. Don't wait until the last minute," stresses Tate. If your orders are on the horizon, register for Smooth Move. Tate emphasizes that the class is open to everyone—military members, civilians and spouses. However, it's important to register so that FFSC has enough room and materials available.

The next Smooth Move class is Tuesday, Dec. 14 at 8 a.m. Call 081-811-6372 to sign up today!





# Jobs

## HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE (HRO)

NEW LINK: <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/Programs/Departments/HumanResourcesOffice/Jobs/index.htm>. The Human Resources Office is located at Capo Admin I, first floor. The customer service hours are **Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

Applications are accepted at the Security Pass and ID Office at Capodichino and Gricignano, OR at HRO, located in Admin 1, Capodichino, OR by mailing to HRO, PSC 817 Box 29, FPO, AE 09622, OR at Fleet and Family Support Center (FFSC) located on the TLA first floor at Support Site. HRO must receive mailed applications by the closing date of the vacancy announcement.

## U.S. POSITIONS

For a current list of U.S. vacancies and application process info., visit <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/Departments/HumanResourcesOffice/Jobs/index.htm>.

CLOSING 09 DECEMBER 10

**Accounting Technician**, GS-0525-06, ANN#EUR11-870188-SC, Full-time permanent

**Financial Management Analyst**, GS-0501-12, ANN#EUR11-875218-SC, Full-time permanent

**Supervisory Marketing Specialist**, GS-1101-09, ANN#EUR11-875180-AG, Full-time permanent

**Financial Management Analyst**, GS-0501-11, ANN#EUR11-872139-SC, Full-time permanent

**IT Specialist (NETWORK)**, GS-2210-11, ANN#EUR11-886775-AG, Full-time permanent

**IT Specialist (DATAMGT)**, GS-2210-09, ANN#EUR11-886776-AG, Full-time permanent

**Financial Management Analyst**, GS-0501-07 KPP 09, ANN#EUR11-885373-EG, Full-time permanent

**Human Resources Assistant (Staffing)**, GS-0203-05 KPP 06/07, ANN#EUR11-837127-SC-R1, Full-time permanent

**IT Specialist (Security)**, GS-2210-13, ANN#EUR11-852072-EG, Full-time permanent

**Financial Management Analyst**, GS-0501-07 KPP 09, ANN#EUR11-889411-EG, Full-time permanent

## OPEN CONTINUOUS ANNOUNCEMENT

**Education and Training Tech (CDC/CYP)**, GS-1702-02 KPP 03 KPP 04, ANN#EUR10-709145-AG,

(Multiple positions), full-time permanent. Next cut-off date is Dec. 9.

## COURTESY US VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

**Community Bank, Banking Center Service Supervisor**, Capodichino U.S. Navy Base, Naples, Italy. To apply online, please use the "Careers" link at [www.dodcommunitybank.com](http://www.dodcommunitybank.com), or submit your resume to HR Europe: [pia.krucker@dodcommunitybank.com](mailto:pia.krucker@dodcommunitybank.com).

## LOCAL NATIONALS (LN) POSITIONS

For a current list of LN vacancies and application process information visit our NEW website at: <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/Programs/Departments/HumanResourcesOffice/Jobs/index.htm>.

## NO VACANCIES

If you have any questions/comments with regard to HRO Naples' services, please contact the director's office at 081-568-5770. You can also submit your questions/comments to the HRO website at [www.CNIC.navy.mil/Naples/index.htm](http://www.CNIC.navy.mil/Naples/index.htm); click on "CNREURAFSWA Human Resources Office." Under the HRO page, click "Contact Us" and a form will appear. Please complete the short form and submit. You will be contacted within 24 hours, so please be sure to provide your contact information. Thank you and we appreciate your input—whether negative or positive—so that we can find ways to improve the HRO services, or continue to provide excellent service. As a reminder, an HRO representative is available for the bi-weekly "Meet & Greet" at the NSA Support Site, Navy Exchange food court from 8 to 9 a.m. Please feel free to come by, pick up a copy of a vacancy announcement that you may be interested in applying for or ask questions. If the HRO representative is unable to provide you a response, he/she will bring the question back to HRO, and you will be provided an answer or a call back the same day. The next "Meet & Greet" is Dec. 6.

## NON-APPROPRIATED FUND (NAF) POSITIONS

Fleet & Family Readiness NAF Local Naples job announcements within CNREURAFSWA may be viewed at [https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/Recreation/CNICD\\_A059280](https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Naples/Recreation/CNICD_A059280).

The necessary application forms are also available online. For any questions, call 081-568-5612/4164.

## NSA NAPLES POSITIONS, MWR OPEN CONTINUOUS POSITIONS

**Child Program Assistant**, CY-1702-I/II, ANN#10-007, (Multiple positions)

flexible, Child Development Centers, School Age Care, Capodichino and Support Site. Job Summary: Performs routine, day-to-day care of infants and children ranging from 6 weeks to 5 years old.

**Youth Program Assistant**, CY-1702-I/II, ANN#10-069, (Multiple positions) flexible/regular, Youth Programs, Support Site and Carney Park. Job Summary: Assembles materials and equipment necessary to execute School Age Care for children ranging from 6 to 9 years old; School Age Care Pre-Teen for children ranging from 10 to 12 years old; Teen Center Program for children ranging from 13 to 18 years old. Receives and releases children to/from authorized parents and guardians.

**Recreation Aid**, NF-0189-01, ANN#10-022, flexible, NOR Center, Carney Park. Job Summary: Provides and maintains recreation and athletic equipment issue.

**Recreation Aid**, NF-0189-01 ANN#10-064, flexible part-time, Bowling Center, Support Site. Job Summary: Provides oversight of activities and necessary services to authorized patrons.

**Recreation Aid**, NF-0189-01 ANN#10-065, flexible part-time, Liberty Division, Capodichino. Job Summary: Helps customers in the recreation center with recreational events.

**Recreation Aid**, NF-0189-01, ANN#10-091, flexible, Auto/Wood Skills Center, Support Site. Job Summary: Provides information concerning facility, operations and regulations. Ensures adherence to regulations and safety procedures.

**Recreation Aid**, NF-0189-01, ANN#10-113, flexible, Community Services, Capodichino. Job Summary: Provides information concerning facility, operations and regulations.

**Recreation Aid**, NF-0189-01, ANN#10-119, flexible, Golf Course, Carney Park. Job Summary: Collects green fees (monthly and daily), locker fees and fees for electric cart rentals. Employee will act as starter when needed on weekdays and assist when needed as cashier. Open until filled.

**Recreation Aid**, NF-0189-01, ANN#10-127, flexible, Fitness Forum, Support Site. Job Summary: Assists in the operations of the fitness program. First cut-off date is 12/10/2010. Open until filled.

**Motion Picture Projectionist**, NA-3910-07, ANN#10-084, flexible part-time, Reel Time Theater II, Support Site. Job Summary: Operates permanently installed 35 mm motion picture projectors, ensuring a standard quality of sound and picture projection.

**Food Service Worker**, NA-7408-04, ANN#10-101, flexible, Bowling Center, Support Site. Job Summary: Performs a variety of tasks, such as grilling or frying pancakes, hamburgers, hot dogs, bacon, eggs, sausage, by watching while the items cook, turning as required, regulating temperature and removing when done.

## NEX EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

**Gricignano, Building 2091-B**  
Call **081-813-5252/5253/5254**  
**Monday through Friday**  
**8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

NEX job opportunities are now posted on the Web at <http://www.navy-nex.com>. Submit completed applications to NEX Human Resources Office located above the main Exchange. If you have questions, please call the above numbers.

## U.S. NAF POSITIONS AVAILABLE

CURRENT U.S. FLEXIBLE  
POSITIONS MAY BE  
NON-COMPETITIVELY CHANGED  
TO REGULAR POSITIONS

**GRICIGNANO MAIN STORE**  
**Ann#066-10** Sales Clerk/SL/  
Ladies/NF-01/Flex- Closes: 12/03/10

**GRICIGNANO MINI MART**  
**Ann#050-10** Sales Clerk/MM/NF-01/Flex - Closes: 12/10/10.  
**Ann#051-10** Sales Clerk/MM/NF-01/RFT - Closes: 12/10/10.

**DISTRIBUTION CENTER**  
**GRICIGNANO**

No Vacancies

**CAPODICHINO NEX MART**  
**Ann#051-10** Sales Clerk/MM/NF-01/Flex - Closes: 12/03/10.

**EUROPE DISTRICT OFFICE**  
**(Gricignano Main Store)**  
No Vacancies

**GRICIGNANO NAVY LODGE**  
No Vacancies

**JFC-NATO MINI MART**  
**Ann#018-10** Sales Clerk/NF-01/Flex - Closes: 12/03/10.

## LOCAL POSITION

No Vacancies



# Christmas markets, concerts, "Tosca," "Showchocolate" plus "Terra Felix's" food and wine extravaganza jumpstart Neapolitan holidays

By Lou Freed  
Photos by J. Freed

It doesn't take much imagination to see why Christmas is more than just a holiday. Some describe it as the busiest, merriest season of the year, others the winter wonderland...the time to be home and be a child again...a time for love, reflection and charity....Whatever it may mean to you, everyone looks forward to celebrating Christmas. Bring on the holiday spirit by treating yourself to the Neapolitan events below.

## Christmas fairs and markets

**- Naples**  
*Presepe, the drawing card for Naples' historic center and more*

Are you ready for Christmas? Well here in Italy, although many shops start decorating before Dec. 8, religious Christmas celebrations and events start when residents commemorate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on that day. The holiday period then runs through Jan. 6, the Feast of the Epiphany. On the 8th, Nativity shops in the narrow alleyway of San Gregorio Armeno in Spaccanapoli will, as tradition goes, swell with locals shopping for or simply ogling numerous manger scene figurines amid twinkling lights and bagpiper music. Should luck smile at browsers, they may even see "figurari" (figurine craftsmen) busy at work, like Santa's elves, keeping the 17th century Baroque art form alive.

Join in the fun, explore the shops and then discover, among the usual manger figures, this year's favorite Italian or world celebrity, who links the ancient story to contemporary times. For enchanting Neapolitan masterpieces of the art form, visit the San Martino Museum in the Vomero, the Santa Chiara Church in Spaccanapoli, the Naples Royal Palace Chapel and the Caserta Royal Palace Apartments.

*Mostra d'Oltremare hosts Christmas fair and market starting today*

Inspired by northern European holiday markets, the free event, "Natale in mostra," will bring holiday cheer at the venue's "Piazzetta delle Fontane." With this event, organizers hope to transport visitors to a Christmas wonderland filled with holiday goodies and foods. Quality-crafted gifts, gastronomical treats plus a dining area with recreation facilities and entertainment for children are on the program. Access the Mostra d'Oltremare, or the Overseas Exhibition Center, through Viale Kennedy, which is not far from JFC. Coming from Capo,

take the Fuorigrotta exit from the Tangenziale and turn left. The Mostra is on the right, next to Naples' soccer stadium. Weekday hours are 5-9 p.m. and 10 a.m.-10 p.m. on weekends. The event continues through Dec. 12.

## - Beyond Naples

Shoppers, mark your calendars for other Campanian towns with Christmas markets this weekend. It might be fun to add a touch of rusticity to your Christmas shopping. Who knows, you may just land an authentic gift worth sending home.

This weekend, San Potito Sannitico in Caserta province will festoon the town with bright lights for their flea market complete with food and wine demos plus workshops, according to <http://www.prolocosanpotito.org>.

Also, Amorosi in Benevento province will have its own "Mercatino di Natale" this weekend through Monday. Event organizers encourage is joining the competition, "Parlami d'amore" (Talk to me about love). The most romantic sentence will be awarded a rich basket of local products. Visit [http://www.sannioturismo.com/mercatinodi\\_natale\\_amorosi.html](http://www.sannioturismo.com/mercatinodi_natale_amorosi.html) for details.

Finally, Pontecagnano in Salerno province has already started its Yuletide market, (the first for the town) which continues until the 19th as posted at <http://www.saler-nonatale.it>.

## Concerts

*San Carlo Theater features Italian musical legends: Ciccolini, Muti and Oren*

Internationally acclaimed, pianist Aldo Ciccolini and conductors Riccardo Muti and Daniel Oren take center stage this month to welcome the holiday season. On Dec. 10, Ciccolini entertains with Mozart's K331 and K333 and Liszt's compositions inclusive of "The Sacred Dance" and "The Final Duet" from the opera "Aida." Muti teams up with the San Carlo Theater's choral director, Salvatore Caputo and guest singers to bring back to life Cherubini's Overture in G major; Schubert's Symphony n. 8 "Incomplete" in D minor and Rossini's "Stabat Mater." Towards the end of the month, on the 29th, Oren jazzes up the theater's concert season with Bernstein's Overture from "Candide"; Gershwin's "An American in Paris"; Tchaikovsky's Overture from "Romeo and Juliet" and Ravel's "Bolero." Book through the San Carlo Theater at 081-797-2331 or visit <http://www.teatrosancarlo.it>.

The theater also offers "Musical



An example of a Neapolitan presepe. The art of crafting Nativity scenes flourished in the 17th century Baroque period in Italy.

Appetizers in the Foyer" on these dates at 7 p.m.: "Il mondo fantastico della danza" (The Wonderful World of Dance) with the theater's ballet corps Dec. 12; "Le mani di Chopin" (Chopin's Hands) with narrator Massimiliano Finazzer Flory Dec. 14 and "In canto natalizio" (Christmas in Songs) with the theater's children's choir. For both programs, see booking information above.

*Anglican Christ Church to present "A Tribute to Handel"*

With Ronald Butts-Bohmer as chorus director and organist, the Naples Choral Scholars (NCS) will broadcast the spirit of Christmas through their performance of the German magnum opus, "Messiah" Dec. 8 at 7 p.m. The superb Baroque Christmas classic was derived from the King James Bible.

The church is in via San Pasquale of the Chiaia district. Parking is extremely limited, so public transport is advised. See more December programs by the NCS at [www.isuonidinapoli.it](http://www.isuonidinapoli.it) or call the church at 081-411-842.

*Caserta province's Chamber Orchestra "Itinerari Barocchi" concert series continues*

Compared to November, the group's musical calendar this month is richer with mid-week and weekend performances in various Baroque and Vanvitellian sites in Caserta and Naples provinces. For instance, Herculaneum's Villa Campolieto, Piano di Sorrento's Augustinian Convent and the Caserta Royal Palace are scheduled venues this month. The last venue will host a concert in the Court Theater Dec. 26 at 11:15 a.m. For the complete December program, log onto [www.suonieluoghidarte.com](http://www.suonieluoghidarte.com).

## Opera

*"Tosca" revived at San Carlo Theater*

Last July, the theater successfully presented Giacomo Puccini's three-act masterpiece in Pompeii's Grand

Theater. Those who missed the opera performed there, now have a chance to see it "in situ" Dec. 5, 7, 13 and 17.

The work recounts the death of the painter Mario Cavaradossi (Valter Borin) and his sweetheart Floria Tosca (Hasmik Papian), who both assist the political prisoner Cesare Angelotti (Alessandro Spina) flee to avoid arrest. Nevertheless, the chief of police Baron Scarpia (Angelo Vetch) orders Lorenzo's arrest. In exchange for Lorenzo's freedom, Tosca agrees to the advances of the untrustworthy baron whom Tosca eventually stabs to death. The aftermath of her action leads to Lorenzo's as well as her demise.

Directing the opera for the evening will be Luca De Fusco. On the podium directing the San Carlo Orchestra will be Salvatore Caputo, and Stefania Rinaldi will lead the boys' choir. Costumes are by Maurizio Millenotti and the lights by Gigi Saccomandi.

Critics cite the work was based on Victorien Sardou's drama, "La Tosca," debuting in Rome in 1900. Further, it ranks among the world's most renowned works for the arias and was the second of the ten most performed operas in North America in 2008-09. This is high opera at its best, with just about everyone of any importance dying dramatically in the end.

Contact the San Carlo ticket office at 081-797-2331/2412, 081-400-902 or [biglietteria@teatrosancarlo.it](mailto:biglietteria@teatrosancarlo.it) for bookings.

## Enogastronomy

*"Showchocolate" and "Terra Felix" at Mostra d'Oltremare this weekend*

There's no problem striking up a conversation with a Neapolitan when it comes to sweets and food. And the topic strikes more chords at Christmas fairs. Sweet tooth and foodies rejoice and take note. Tomorrow and through Dec. 8, follow your nose to two flavorful events: "Showchocolate" and "Terra-felix" at the Mostra d'Oltremare (Overseas Exhibition Pavilions) near the Campi Flegrei station and soccer stadium in Fuorigrotta. Check these websites for details on both events above: <http://www.showcholate.it/> and <http://www.terrafelix.regione.campania.it/>.

*Benevento province town invites to "Festa del Torrone e del Croccantino"*

If you're a fan of "torrone" (chewy nougat) and "croccantino" (crunchy nougat) made from hazelnuts, almonds and cocoa, head towards San Marco dei Cavoti in Benevento province tomorrow. Starring during the event will be the waiting-to-be consumed 30-meter long masterpiece of pure "torronic" delight. Leave your toothbrushes and diets at home for this sweet affair that ends Dec. 19. For the complete fest program, see <http://www.festadel-torrone.it/programma.php>.

## Tours and travel

*San Carlo Theater's guided tour: a way to see the venue's nitty-gritty*

The Sunday-only itinerary is based on Laura Valente's dramatization of impressions and writings by former Neapolitan visitors, like the French writer Stendhal. "A Walk through Time," guided by actresses Roberta Astuti and Sara

Missaglia, provides visitors with the theater's history and legends along with visits to special rooms that are closed to the public. Featured are the king's box, director's room, chorus practice room and costume workshop. Tours are scheduled at 11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. and leave from the Trento and Trieste Street side of the Royal Palace. Narrations are presently offered in Italian; however, queries on offering them in English have been posed. Stay tuned for developments on this issue. The €10 entry fee includes a light snack. Book through the San Carlo Theater at 081-797-2468 or view the details at <http://www.teatrosancarlo.it>.

*Think warm weather at "Mondo Camper Sud"*

Some may already miss spring and summer weather, especially with all the storms and cold snaps we've been having lately. Well, pine no longer and get yourselves ready for those seasons through this fair. With the array of Italian and European motorhomes displayed at this Dec. 4-12 event at the Mostra d'Oltremare, you'll be raring to pack the family into your own "home away from home." If you're looking for a way to max out your Christmas shopping list, choosing a motorhome as family gift might just do the trick. Special prices will be available during the show. The Mostra complex is near the Campi Flegrei metro stop and the soccer stadium in Fuorigrotta. Pay underground parking is available by the gas station near the Mostra entrance. Visit <http://www.mondocampersud.it/> for other event specifics.

*Holiday cruises an ultimate experience*

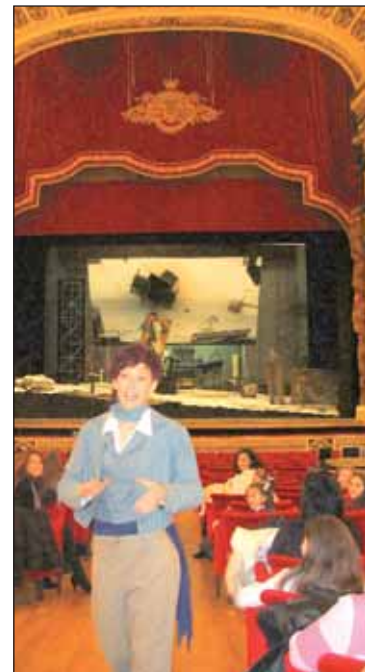
With Christmas markets predominating northern European countries like Austria, Germany, Hungary and the Czech Republic, consider visiting any of those countries this time of year. A nice holiday gift for your and yours would be combined shopping and river cruising for history and local attractions.

Holiday cruising to Mediterranean cities is also an experience of a lifetime. Unlike bus tours where participants pack and unpack more than once during their vacation, on cruises, they do so just once, so it's far more relaxing and less tiring. What's more, the ship's staff generally pampers guests, the chefs ensure dining experiences are memorable and the entertainers render glitzy and vibrant shows. Call or visit ITT or see <http://www.interliner.com> for river cruising in northern countries on Viking and Uniworld and on the Med on the Royal Caribbean, NCL and Costa. Finally, if Italian cuisine is your cup of tea, MSC would be an unparalleled choice. Most cruise companies offer military rates. Fair winds and following seas!

*Buone feste!*



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Through the San Carlo Theater's "A Walk through Time" program, Neapolitan actress Roberta Astuti animatedly explains the history and legends of the theater, then guides her audience to various sections of the theater that are not usually open to the public.